

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held on October 9, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

**Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales**

**County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #2
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4**

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda notice as posted in the meeting notice of the 5th of October 2001. Present were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

01-10-272

1. Call to order – Judge Martinez
Invocation – Mr. William N. Hall, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

9:25 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session for the following items:

01-10-279 8. – i & k. }

Action to engage in the Law Firm of Allison Bass & Associates, to represent Webb County as special counsel in connection with jail operations matters; an Order authorizing exemption from competitive bidding as a Professional Service and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. Any matters incident thereto and;

Action to authorize litigation to enforce operation of Webb County Jail and any matters in connections with jail operations. Any others matters incident thereto.

*******EXECUTIVE SESSION*******

The court returned to regular session and stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

Judge Martinez read a formal statement regarding the situation with Sheriff Juan Garza and the jail.

Each Commissioner expressed their comments and concerns at this time.

A motion to engage in the Law Firm of Allison Bass & Associates, to represent Webb County as Special Counsel in connection with jail operations matters; an order authorizing exemption from competitive bidding as a Professional Service and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Judge Martinez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 3
Against: 2 } Commissioner Gutierrez and Commissioner Velasquez
Abstain: 0

11:52 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session to confer with Mr. Jim Allison (via teleconference) on the following item:

8. – k.
Action to authorize litigation to enforce operation of Webb County Jail and any other matters in connection with jail operations.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

11:10 a.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

Motion to instruct Mr. Allison to take appropriate litigation to enforce the operation jail including any injunctive matters, or personal action as appropriate.

Moved: Judge Martinez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 3 } Judge Martinez, Commissioner Urdiales and Commissioner Vasquez

Against: 2 } Commissioner Gutierrez and Commissioner Velasquez
Abstain: 0

A motion to move up item 8. – j. was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to defer this item:

Action to authorize Public Notice of the county’s intent to request proposals from private vendors to provide for the operations and/or management of the Webb County Jail. It shall be an express condition of any final contract with the selected provider to provide for the continued employment of 100% of jail personnel.

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2. Approval of minutes –

A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor.

The following correction to be made:

Page 10. 6. – 1. } add the word “to” after Motion.

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3. Communications –

City of Laredo EMS/Fire calls to Webb County for the month of August 2001.

Letter from Mr. Santiago Gutierrez thanking Judge Martinez on behalf of Providence Surgical & Medical Center for his support to improve and Expand the delivery of healthcare services to the tri-county region.

Copy of check from Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$ 637.10 in reference to termination of lease agreement.

TNRCC notices.

Mr. Rick Reyes, former Commissioner addressed the court regarding the jail.

Judge Martinez announced the additional names to the Head Start Committee:

Ms. Esther Gutierrez – Commissioner Urdiales
Mr. Gilberto Soto – Chair
Mr. Luz Lara – Ms. Elsie Garcia

Ms. Janie Puente, Risk Manager and Mr. Louis Garcia, American Heart Association came before the court to address a Women & Heart Workshop, to be held on Thursday, October 25, 2001.

Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Department clarified the report of the City of Laredo EMS/Fire calls (August) several calls were to La Salle County.

01-10-275

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. William N. Hall, Jr., Treasurer presented his report for the month of August.

A motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor.

Auditor’s Report –

Mr. Leo Flores, auditor presented a summary of his report.

Tax-Assessor-Collector –

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector presented the MVD and Ad Valorem reports at this time.

A motion to accept all reports was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor.

A motion to move up item **01-10-279 8. – a-g.** was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor.

8.- a. Appointment of Representative –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to appoint Mr. Homero Ramirez to the Border Region MHMR Community Center Board of Trustees for a two year term.

8. – b. Status Report / Veteran’s Service Officer & Law Library Director –

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator presented the court with a status report on the Veteran’s Service Officer and Law Library Director positions.

8. – e. Community Center’s Directors –

A motion to assign oversight and supervisory responsibilities of the Webb County Community Center’s Directors and staff to the Webb Economic Development Directors and staff to the Webb County Economic Development was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales. Voting in favor were Commissioner Vasquez, Commissioner Urdiales and Judge Martinez with Commissioner Gutierrez and Commissioner Velasquez voting against. The motion being 3 to 2, motion carried.

8. – f. Deferred Item –

A motion to defer this item was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor:

Action regarding funding authorized to repair the old detention center building to operate as a temporary morgue will be adequate, and requiring that a repair and operating budget for this project be prepared by qualified personnel and approved by the Commissioners Court prior to any expenditures.

8. – g. Appointment to Parks Committee –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to appoint Mr. Victor Mora and Mr. Chris Valdez to the Parks Committee.

8. – h. Name Commissioner Vasquez by Resolution –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to appoint Commissioner Vasquez to the Webb County Appraisal District Board effective January 1, 2002 for a two year term.

8. – i. Allocate Commissioner Urdiales Salary –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to allocate Commissioner Urdiales salary of \$ 11,388 (25%) to different non-profit organizations within his precinct.

8. – m. Appoint Committee / Emergency or Disaster -

The court appointed Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer to coordinate measures to be taken in case of emergencies or disaster and study all options available with the proper governmental authorities.

8. – n. No Action / Interlocal Agreement City of Laredo Cemetery Service –

Ms. Mattie Smith Gomez, Welfare Director addressed the court regarding The City Cemetery Service to Webb County for the disposition of indigent burials.

Ms. Smith Gomez updated the court on this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to move up item **01-10-277 6. – i.** }

Presentation / Water and Sewer Rate Study -

Mr. Rick Giardina of Rick Giardina & Associates, Inc., came before the Court to make a brief presentation on water and sewer rate study and their recommendations.

** North American Development Bank-Grant awarded to Webb County in the amount of \$ 40,500 to fund the study.

Mr. Giardina presented a project overview, financial planning process, capital improvement and funding Plan.

A motion to recess the meeting for lunch and return at 3:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor.

*****RECESS*****

3:29 P.M.

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jerry Vasquez presented the invocation.

01-10-276

5. Proclamation/Resolution –

A motion to was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to accept a Resolution in support of the bipartisan Congressional Resolution condemning the cowardly attack on America on September 11, 2001.

01-10-277

6. – a. Webb County Auditor / Cellular Phone Policy –

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to adopt the recommendation of the Cellular Phone Committee to accept an Order for Cellular Phone Policy for Webb County effective November 1, 2001.

** add comments by County Attorney to said Order

6. – b. Tax Assessor-Collector –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve the following refunds:

NBC Bank

Reason: Payment made in error

Total refund: \$ 2,240.81

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Co.

Reason: Payment made in error

Total refund: \$ 1,026.49

J.C. Penny Prop, Inc., # 658-5

Reason: Change Order for 2000, as per Court Judgment

200-CVQ-000803-D3

Total refund: \$ 4,441.77

B-Works LTD

Reason: Change Order for 2000, as per Court Judgment#

2000-CVQQ-000878-D2

Total Refund: \$ 4,684.00

6. – c. Juvenile Department / Fill slots –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to fill slot #1684 and # 1679 (Drill Instructor) at \$ 10.99 an hour, slot #351 (Detention Officer) at \$ 9.98 an hour and slot # 907 (Probation Officer) at \$ 12.46 an hour.

6. – d. Parks & Grounds / Fill slot –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve to fill slot # 886 (Irrigation Technician) at \$ 7.63 an hour and slot # 1987 (Maintenance Aide I) at \$ 6.50 an hour.

6. – e. Webb County Head Start -

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve to fill the following positions effective October 10, 2001:

4-Teacher Assistants at \$ 586.99 per pay period

1-Child Adult Care Food Program Clerk at \$ 7.00 an hour for 4 hours a day

2-Substitutes at \$ 6.76 an hour for 3 hours a day.

6. – f. Webb County Community Action Agency –

1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve the City Of Laredo Third Party Funding Grant for the CAA Elderly Nutrition Program, in the amount of \$ 39,000 for Fiscal year 2001-2002.

2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to fill slots # 1137, 1129 and 1126 (3-

drivers full-time) for the Rural Transportation Program effective 10-9-2001.

3. A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve submission of application to the City of Laredo for a Homeless Prevention Grant in the amount of \$ 45,000 for FY 2002 (in-kind match required).

6. – g. Webb County Engineer –

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to authorize partial payment of \$ 156,638.00 (total contract \$ 1,738,470) of a Professional Service Agreement between Webb County and Corplan Corrections for the design and remodeling of the County Jail (increased beds by 64 on the 4th floor and 32 on the 1st floor). Webb County Engineer recommends retention of \$ 50,000 until certain details have been completed.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to enter into an Agreement with AEP/ Central Power & Light to purchase the existing transformer servicing the Justice in the amount of \$ 17,607.21.

6. – h. Road & Bridge Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to realign (TxDot is planning to widen and resurface the road) approximately twenty (20) feet of a 6 inch water line on Farm to Market Road 649 in Mirando City (Mirando Rural Water District informed the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) that the District Does not have the equipment or personnel to perform the work). The Webb County Utilities Department will assist the Road & bridge Department in the realignment of the water line.

6. – j. Planning Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to issue “Certifications regarding compliance with Plat requirements and the connections of utilities to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.028 (a) and (b), TLGC

Lot 1,2,3, and 4, Block 28, Mirando City (electricity 1 dwelling) and;

Issue a "Certificate of no plat required" pursuant to the exemption provisions of the Webb County Subdivision regulations under Section XVI, Subsection 1.A (2) for 2.52 Acres out of 609.9625 acre tract, ore or less, out of the Antonio Flores survey, tract "F", Porcion 33, Survey 2384, Abst. 3084, as recorded in Vol. 260, Page 557 of the Webb County Deed records, as further described by metes and bounds on attached exhibit "A", located 12.25 miles east of Laredo SH359; said parcel is leased for the construction of a communications tower and ;

Issue a "Certificate of No Plat required" pursuant of the exemption provision of the Webb County Subdivision regulations under Section XVI, Subsection 1.A (2) for 0.23 acres more or less, out of tract 9, Tanquesitos South Acres Subdivision Porcion 32, Abstract A-296, as recorded in vol. 644, pg. 293 of the Webb County Plat records, as further described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "A" said parcel is leased for the construction of a communications tower and;

Issue a "Certificate of no Plat required" pursuant to the exemption provisions of the Webb County Subdivision regulations under Section XVI, Subsection 1.A (2) for 2.52 acres out of a 35 acre tract, more or less out of the Ernesto Moreno survey, share No. 4, survey 1007, abst. 1533, certificate 19, as recorded in Volume 150, pages 5-9 of the Webb County Deed Records, as further described by metes and bounds on attached exhibit "a" located at 366 Moreno Road; said parcel is leased for the construction of a communications tower.

6. – k. Risk Management –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting "aye", in favor to fill slot # 1989 (receptionist) at \$ 8.00 an hour effective October 5, 2001.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting "aye", in favor to approve actuarial and risk management consulting services contract between Tricor Management Group, Inc. and Webb County at an annual cost of \$ 15,000 effective October 1, 2001.

The court granted an exemption to Competitive bidding for Professional Services.

** Commissioner Velasquez was excused at this time.

6. – l. Election Administration –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting "aye", in favor to replace the election day voting site of

Precinct 7 & 8 (consolidated) Farias Elementary School, 1510 Chicago Street with the Northwest Boys & Girls Club of America, 4500 Santa Maria Ave., for the November 6, 2001 Special Election.

01-10-278

7. – a. Economic Development Department –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all “aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Authorizing the submission of a Contract Amendment # 4 to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Office of Colonia Initiatives) for TCDP Contract #718003 “Webb County Self Help Center Program” for a budget modification and a 30 day contract extension up to November 9, 2001 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (The extension and budget modifications will be at no additional cost to the county) and;

Approve amendments to the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation guidelines for the HUD Housing Colonia Initiatives (HCI) Program as recommended by the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Selection/Scoring Committee and;

Action to accept the recommendation from the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Selection/Scoring Committee on the eligible applicants (homeowners) to receive assistance under the HUD Housing Colonia Initiatives (HCI) Grant Program for housing rehabilitation:

Gloria Romo 407 Jimenez El Cenizo, Texas
Maria L. Sanchez 611 Cadena El Cenizo, Texas
Maria E. Villanueva 546 Valdez El Cenizo, Texas

and; Solicit bids for the housing rehabilitation applicants as recommended by the Housing Rehabilitation Selection/Scoring Committee under the HUD Housing Colonia Initiatives Grant and;

Authorize the submission of Change Order #1 for Lopez Construction to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Colonia Initiatives Program for the following Homes (Change Order #1 will include utilizing CAA Weatherization Program activities to construct alternative items that pertain to weatherization):

CAA-SHC-2000-65 Alfaro (Alfredo) Martinez – reduction of \$ 1,000 – Mirando City

CAA-SHC-2000-66 Guillermo Ramirez – reduction of \$ 1,000 – Mirando City
CAA-SHC-2000-67 Jesus Villanueva, Jr. – reduction of \$ 1,000 Mirando City
CAA-SHC-2000-70 Rogelio Rodriguez – reduction of \$ 1,000 – Bruni, Texas

And;

Approve the authorization of the submission of Change Order # 1 Noahs's Construction to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Housing Colonia Initiatives Program for the following homes. Change Order #1 will include utilize CAA Weatherization Program activities to construct alternative items that pertain to Weatherization:

CAA-SHC-2000-64 Mariano De La Cruz – reduction of \$ 600 Mirando City
CAA-SHC-2000-69 Felipe Rivera- reduction of \$ 600.00 Bruni, Texas
CAA-SHC-2000-71 Raul Cardenas-reduction of \$ 600.00 Mirando, City

01-10-280

9. – a. Purchasing Agent –

A motion was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to accept the resignation of Ms. Sylvia Pedraza from the Webb County Grievance Committee and appoint Ms. Gracie Garcia to assume said position pursuant to Sec. 14.04 of the Webb County Policies Manual.

**At this time Judge Martinez stepped out.

9. – b. Award Bid # 2001-76 –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to award bid # 2001-76 counter offer on “Computer equipment” proposed by International Computer Sales and Service.

9. – c. Award Bids –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to award the following bids:

Bid # 2002-17 “Janitorial Supplies” to Star Janitorial Supplies and
Cavazos Candy Produce and Groceries

Bid # 2002-12 “Replace Mufflers and related items” to Pronto Muffler Shop

Bid # 2001-74 “Three-Year Lease Pagers” to Autophone of Laredo, Inc.

9. – d. Purchase Furniture / J.P. Pct. 4 –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “aye”, in favor to purchase the furniture for J.P. Pct. 4 (former DPS building) building for a total amount of \$ 59,707.66 from the State of Texas automated ordering system and contract pricing from the following vendors:

OSI \$ 11,624.15
GF Office Furniture \$ 20,698.24
State of Texas Lateral Files \$ 6,406.47
GF State of Texas Contract Systems \$ 15,478.80
CIUSA \$ 5,500.00

Total \$ 59,707.66

9. – e. Award Proposal P-2001-11 –

A motion was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, to award Proposal P-2001-11 “Los Corralitos Water Improvements” TCDP Contract # 720889 to Ellis & Ellis, Inc.

9. – f. Purchase Garbage Carts –

A motion was made by Commissioner Urdiales and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to purchase one thousand (1,000) garbage Carts from the State of Texas Contract Bid # 450-A2 in the amount of \$ 40,010 for the Road & Bridge Department.

***Judge Martinez now present.

9. – g. Adopt Proposal / Bethany House –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve the proposal submitted by Bethany House to provide meals for the Juvenile Justice Detention Center.

** Pay advance in the amount of \$ 14,000.

01-10-281

10. – a. Interlocal Agreement / U.I.S.D. -

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to enter into an Interlocal agreement with United Independent School District (U.I.S.D.) for Justice of the Peace Juvenile Coordinators in J.P. Court Precincts 2 and 4 in the amount of \$ 21,636.10 for Precinct 2 Coordinator and \$ 23, 701.50 for Precinct 4 Coordinator of which Webb County shall be responsible for one-half of each of the above salaries being \$ 22,668.80 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – b. Professional Service Contract/ Mejia Engineering –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to enter into a Professional Service Contract with Mejia Engineering Company in an amount not to exceed ninety-nine thousand four hundred dollars to provide consulting engineering and surveying services which includes the preparation of one hundred forth Rights – of-Way acquisitions maps and documents for Colonias Los Minerals and Penitas West at a cost of \$ 710.00 per lot (Competitive Bidding Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – c. Grant Permit –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to grant a Geophysical and Seismic Permit for the Detention Center, Golf Course, boy Scout Camp, State Park (exclusive of the lake area), Life Downs and the Rifle Range at \$ 25.00 to be paid per acre to Webb County, being \$ 30,507.90 and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents (Seismic shall be done by Vibroseis 3D Method and no blasting or explosions shall be allowed).

10. – d., e. & f. Various Purchasing Items -

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Enter into an annual Software Support Agreement (renewal) with Real Vision Software, Inc., for a cost of \$ 3,000 effective 10-1-2001 for Real Vision Complete Software Imaging System at the County Clerk's Office (Requested by MIS-Funds available in MIS department budget FY2001-2002 and;

Enter into a Contract amendment number 2 with Texas Water Development Board, Contract # 99-483-272 Colonia assistance and Management Support Program (CAMSP) to extend the termination to March 1,2 002 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and;

Enter into a Lease Purchase agreement with Comark building systems, Inc., for the lease purchase of two (2), 24" x 64" classroom buildings for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program in the amount of \$ 44,688.00 to be made in eight quarterly payments of \$ 5,586.00 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – g. Professional Services Agreement / Laredo Health Care Associates Inc. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting "aye", in favor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Laredo Health Care Associates, Inc., for one year period beginning October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 for "TB" testing of inmates located at the Webb County Law Enforcement Center at an annual cost of \$ 85,000 and ordering an exemption from Section 262.023 Local Government Cost (Competitive Bidding requirements) and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – h. Contract / Office of the Attorney General –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting "aye", in favor to enter into a Contract with the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas for an Access and Visitation Grant (OAG Contract #01-05549- Match/Patch Program (designed to maintain and strengthen the parent-child relationship during the incarceration of the parent) in the amount of \$ 8,064 with an in-kind Grant Match for the Webb County Sheriff Department commencing

10. – i. Appointment / Cynthia Paredes –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, to appoint Ms. Cynthia Paredes to the Laredo-Webb County Child Welfare Board to fill vacancy left by Mary Capello in accordance with her nomination by the board at its meeting of September 18, 2001.

4:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session for the following items:

6. – k. (3.) } Action regarding Cause number 2001-CVQ-001309-D1; Javier Rene Sandoval and Patricia Sandoval, et.,al., vs. Webb County, Texas in the 49th District Court of Webb County, Texas.

8. – c. & d. } Status regarding motion filed by the County Attorney in the 341st District Court in connection with pending litigation with the Casa Blanca Golf Course Operator.

Status regarding demand letter sent by the County Attorney to the Casa Blanca Golf Course Operator for amounts owed by the Operator to Webb County for expenses incurred by the county in the repair ad maintenance of the Golf Course buildings and equipment.

10. – j. } Action regarding Case # L-01-132; Rosa Saldivar, individually and on behalf of the Estate Juan Saldivar, deceased; Juan Saldviar, Jr.; and Rosa Lydia Saldivar; vs. Webb County, Texas; Webb County Sheriff’s Department; and Webb County Juan Garza, individually and in his Official capacity; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division.

10. – k. } Action regarding Webb County’s Certificate of Convenience Application with the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

5:40 p.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

6. – k. (3.) No action needed on this item – information provided to the court.

8. – c. & d. -

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to defer these items.

10. – j. -

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to defer this item.

10. – k. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to permit special counsel to engage in procedural steps to modify the existing applications and engage in other activities as discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “aye”, in favor to adjourn the meeting.

